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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Conference on translations

A one-day Conference on Scientific and Technical Translations will take place at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, Kingsway, London W.C. 2, on March 5, 1958. It is hoped that as a result of the Conference, there may be elimination of much wasteful duplication of effort and closer co-operation between all concerned. Four sessions are planned: The organization and availability of technical translation (Dr. A. L. Mackay), The economics of translation (Mr. F. Liebesny), Training and education (Mr. A. G. Readett), and a plenary session. The chair will be taken by Dr. J. E. Holmstrom of the Department of Natural Sciences, Unesco (for the first two sessions) and by Mr. E. B. Uvarov for the second two sessions. Further particulars are available from the Director, Aslib, 4 Palace Gate, London W.8.

MEETINGS HELD

International Committee on Bibliography

The Fourth Session of Unesco's International Advisory Committee on Bibliography was held in Paris from December 10 to 13, 1957. The session, presided by Mr. J. Cain, was attended by 17 members in addition to 6 observers from international organizations.

After considering reports prepared by Mr. K. L. Tveteraas (Royal University of Oslo) and by Prof. J. Meyriat, the Committee made recommendations for Unesco to take a more active part than hitherto in the planning and co-ordination of international bibliographical work.

A symposium is envisaged on the organisation and bibliographical activities of national libraries and co-operation between them.

The report on „New methods and techniques for the communication of knowledge" by Dr. H. Coblans was further examined and certain recommendations were made.

It was further recommended that Unesco award contracts for the writing of a practical manual on the preparation of international bibliographies, for critical studies of the potentialities of reproduction apparatus listed in the FID „Manual on document reproduction and selection", for a Turkish edition of the Vocabularium Bibliothecarii and for the sixth annual report by Mr. R. L. Collison on „Bibliographical services throughout the world".

The Committee works in close liaison with the International Advisory Committee for Documentation and Terminology in Pure and Applied Science (which met in Paris from September 23 to 25, 1957, see Inf. FID 1957 no. 12, p. 43). Both committees have decided to study the possibility of their being amalgamated. (from Unesco Monthly Bull. Scient. Doc. and Term., January 15, 1958)

MEMBERSHIP

Hungary

Országos Széchényi Könyvtár in Budapest resigned as national member per December 31, 1957. Its function has been taken over by the newly created *Hungarian Committee for Documentation,* Secretariat: Reviczky-u. 6, Budapest VIII.

Associate members

The following applications, approved by the national members in the countries in question, have been submitted to the Council of FID:

Denmark

Det Kongelige Akademi for de Skønne Kunster, 3 Tordenskjoldsgade, Copenhagen K.

Norway

Mrs. Anna Brun, Librarian of the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Lillestrøm;

Mrs. Torborg Collin, Librarian of the Norwegian State Railways, Storgt. 33, Oslo;

Mr. Harold Hernes, Etterstad blokk 20;

NERA Bergen A/S, Postboks 2382, Solheimsvik, Bergen;

Universitetsbiblioteket i Oslo, Drammensveien 42 B, Oslo.

Associate membership

Applications should be submitted directly to the General Secretariat of FID, unless the applicant lives in a country represented by a national member; in that case the application should be approved first by the national member body (see list on inside back cover of the „Revue de la Documentation").

The contribution is 25 Dutch guilders for individual members and at least 50 Dutch guilders for corporate bodies. Associate members receive a free copy of each issue of the „Revue de la Documentation" and „Informations FID" and are entitled to a discount of 20 % on publications issued by the General Secretariat.

JOINT COMMITTEES

Automobile documentation

As no objections were received from our national member in the USA the vacancy in FID membership of the International Committee for Automobile Documentation (ICAD) (see Inf. FID 1957 no. 11, p. 41) will be filled by Mr. Eugene B. Jackson, Librarian Research Staff, General Motors Corporation, P.O. Box 188, North End Station, Detroit 2, Michigan, USA.

ICAD Draft Recommendation no. 1

Draft Recommendation No. 1 of the International Committee for Automobile Documentation (ICAD) deals with Abstracts of technical articles in automobile periodicals. It is pointed out that periodicals should publish abstracts in two languages - the original language and the reference language - and that it should be possible to cut out the abstracts. Abstracts should be so arranged that it will be possible to use them in standard files of cards. Details are given in the draft obtainable from the ICAD Secretariat, c/o van Doorne's Automobielfabriek N.V., Geldropseweg 303, Eindhoven, Netherlands.

MISCELLANEOUS

Research in documentation

An interesting article on „Research and developments in documentation" by Jesse H. Shera appeared in Library Trends of October 1957, p. 187-206. It describes trends in current research in documentation in the USA through an analysis of research in progress. Reference is made to studies conducted by Mrs. Helen L. Brownson and Miss Madeleine M. Berry of the Office of Scientific Information of the National Science Foundation and by the Committee on Research and Development of the American Documentation Institute. The author lists 76 studies in progress in the USA and a few abroad under the headings: Coding for mechanical searching systems (13), Equipment for information storage, retrieval and reproduction (12), Indexing, cataloguing and classification (14), Mechanical translation (6), Production and dissemination of published information (5), The use of information and user requirements (17), Theoretical studies (8), and Education and training of documentalists (1). An appeal is made for a well defined programme of *fundamental* research in documentation.

Federation of Asian Library Associations

The Japanese Library Association has invited all Asian participants in the Regional Seminar for the Indo-Pacific Area on the International Exchange of Publications (see Inf. FID 1957 nos. 5 and 9), which was held at Tokyo from November 4-11, 1957, to attend immediately after the seminar, the first general meeting of the Federation of Asian Library Associations. At this meeting the constitution would be drafted, the officers elected and a programme of activities set up. Mr. Severino I. Velasco, Chairman of the Interim Committee, has already received confirmation that a number of Asian national library associations are interested in the Federation and wish to become members. Further details may be obtained from Mr. Severino I. Velasco, Bureau of Public Libraries, Oroquieta Street, Manila, Philippines (from Indian Librarian, Vol. 12 no. 2, September 1957).

The Canadian delegate to the IFLA meeting in Paris in September 1957 reports that IFLA will appoint a representative of the new Federation to its Council and include this area in its future plans.

Microcard Foundation

A Liaison Office for Europe of the Microcard Foundation (430 Sterling Court, Madison 6, Wisc., USA) has been opened at 71 rue Chauveau, Neuilly-sur-Seine, France (Director: Mr. O. C. Kanitz) in particular for the reports of the Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tenn., USA. The unclassified reports of the AEC, from 1947 through June 1957, are now available in microcard form.

Zentralstelle für wissenschaftliche Literatur

Die Zentralstelle (ZWL) gibt bekannt dass sie vom 6. November 1957 aufgelöst worden ist. Alle ihre Funktionen und Einrichtungen sind mit diesem Tage auf das bei der Deutschen Akademie der Wissenschaften in Berlin bestehende *Institut für Dokumentation* übergegangen. Die Anschrift bleibt: Unter den Linden 8, Berlin W.8.

Council on Library Resources, new grants

The first four grants awarded were announced in Inf. FID 1957 no. 7. Seven new grants were announced in October 1957 : 1) $ 57,100 to the American Historical Association for the compilation of a Guide to the photographed historical materials available for research in libraries and archives in the United States and Canada; 2) $ 11,700 to the Microcard Corporation of West Salem, Wisc., for the development of a more convenient and less expensive hand-viewer for all forms of micro-opaque prints („Microcards", „Microlex" and „Microprint"); 3) $ 4,000 to the Southwest Missouri Library Service for the purchase of equipment for catalogue reproduction and other activities in the central processing of books; 4) $ 5,000 to the University of Michigan to support a National Conference on the undergraduate and lifetime reading habit to be held in Ann Arbor in February 1958; 5) $ 21,000 to the Association of Research Libraries for an evaluation and review of the Farmington Plan, a 10-year old agreement among some 60 American libraries to share responsibility for acquiring all foreign publications potentially useful to research; following a fact-finding inquiry, a conference of participants will decide on the continuation and revision of the Plan; 6) $ 12,125 to the American Library Association for a survey of deficiencies of library service in the United States; 7) $ 5,500 to Nasser Sharify, a student at Columbia University's School of Library Service for the development of a code for cataloguing Persian library materials. (from Library of Congress Inf. Bull., November 4, 1957)

Bibliography of official publications

In the series „Unesco Bibliographical Handbooks" a „Current Bibliography of National Publications" was published, compiled by the International Committee for Social Sciences Documentation (Editor: Jean Meyriat). Part I contains chapters on official publications and their bibliographical control, on the different types of official publications, the official gazettes of States and related publications, how to improve the methods of publishing administrative documents, how to facilitate identification of official publications and how to improve bibliographical control of official publications. In Part II there is an inventory by countries. (Price approx.: $ 2.75; 14/-; 830 fr.; No. of pages approx.: 260; Ready: December 1957; Bilingual: English/French).

PERSONALIA

Dr. Burton W. Adkinson's resignation as Director of the Reference Department of the Library of Congress to become Director of the Office of Scientific Information at the National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D.C., was announced in the Library of Congress Information Bulletin of December 2, 1957.

CIRCULAR LETTERS

F58- 1 (8.1.'58) Rumania applies for national membership.
F58- 2 (8.1.'58) Four Norwegian applications for associate membership.
F58- 3 (21.1.'58) Report of the meeting of FID/C 61/SC 615 „Pharmacy" held in Paris in September 1957.
F58- 4 (21.1.'58) Report of the meeting of FID/C 629 „Transport engineering" and its new subcommittees in Paris in September 1957. The report will be published in the February 1958 issue of the „Revue de la Documentation".
*F58- 5 (21.1.'58) Report from Miss B. Kyle on the Unesco programme and budget 1959/60 (F57-104).
F58- 6 (21.1.'58) Conference on Scientific and Technical Translations announced. (See also this issue of Inf. FID under „Forthcoming events").
*F58- 7 (21.1.'58) Report to the Bureau on the rules of procedure for study committees.
*F58- 8 (21.1.'58) Agenda for the meeting of the Bureau and the Committee of Ways and Means in The Hague on February 8-9, 1958.
*F58- 9 (21.1.58) Report to the Bureau on financing of publications by FID.
F58-10 (31.1.'58) Accounts per 31 December 1957 and Estimate of budget for 1958.
*F58-11 (31.1.'58) Report from the Ad Hoc Committee to the Bureau.
*F58-12 (31.1.'58) Report on future policy of the Manual on document reproduction and selection.
F58-13 (31.1.'58) Applications for associate membership from Denmark and Norway.
F58-14 (31.1.'58) Change of holder of Hungarian national membership (See under „Membership").
*F58-15 (31.1.'58) Notification of changes in the opening hours of the joint meeting of the Bureau and the Committee of Ways and Means.

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